

Downtown Sitka

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Attractions

KEY: *NHLS* = National Historic Landmark Site | *NRHP* = National Register of Historic Places | ♿ = Wheelchair Accessible | ■ = Gift Shop | \$ = Admission Charge

- 1 Baranof Castle Hill** – With stunning panoramic views of Sitka, this was an early stronghold of the Kiks.adi clan. Later, successions of Russian buildings occupied the hill including “Baranov’s Castle” from 1837 to 1894. This is also the site of the Alaska transfer from Russia to the United States on October 18, 1867. *NHLS* ♿
- 2 St. Michael’s Cathedral** – Located in the heart of downtown, the Russian Orthodox cathedral is an exact replica of the original that was destroyed in 1966. An important collection of art and rare treasures is housed inside. *NHLS* ♿ ■ \$ Donation Suggested
- 3 Sitka Lutheran Church** – The site of the first Protestant Church on the West Coast of North America. Contains artifacts from the original 1843 Finnish Lutheran Church: 1844 Kessler organ, chandelier, pulpit, & communion rail. ♿
- 4 Harrigan Centennial Hall & Summer Information Desk** – Built in 1967, this civic center houses the Sitka Historical Museum. During the summer on large cruise ship days an information desk is available and the New Archangel Dancers perform. ♿ ■
- 5 Sitka Historical Museum** – This is the place where all elements of Sitka’s history converge. Packed with displays, photographs and artifacts from Sitka’s Tlingit, Russian and American history. ♿ ■ \$
- 6 Russian Bishop’s House** – Built in 1842 by the Russian American Company as a residence for the bishop of the Orthodox Church, it’s the oldest intact Russian building in Sitka. Saint Bishop Innocent (Father Veniaminov) was its first resident. *NHLS* ♿
- 7 St. Peter’s by the Sea Episcopal Church** – Made of natural stone and wood, this is the oldest standing church in Sitka with a unique stained glass rose window. The first service was held in 1899. *NRHP*
- 8 Sitka Sound Science Center** – Experience the amazing diversity of the many creatures that thrive in our surrounding waters at the aquarium, wet lab, and onsite fish hatchery. ♿ ■ \$
- 9 Sheldon Jackson State Museum** – Est. in 1887, Alaska’s oldest museum resides in the state’s first concrete building. This jewel in the crown of Alaska ethnographic collections focuses on native artifacts from throughout the state during the 1880-1900 period. ♿ \$
- 10 Sitka Fine Arts Campus**, formerly Sheldon Jackson College – is now home to a nationally acclaimed program that provides artistic development for youth K-12 in visual arts, music, dance, theater, writing, and Alaska Native arts. *NHLS* ♿
- 11 Sitka National Historical Park** – This totem pole park preserves and interprets the battle site of 1804 between the Tlingit and Russians. Haida & Tlingit totems from the Louisiana Exposition in the early 1900s, as well as modern carved poles, are located along a gravel pathway that meanders through the rainforest. *NRHP* ♿ ■
- 12 Alaska Raptor Center** – A pioneering wildlife project offers close-up encounters with bald eagles and other birds of prey. The goal is to rehabilitate injured birds and release them back into the wild; however some never recover flight and remain housed at the center’s outdoor display. ♿ ■ \$
- 13 Fortress of the Bear** – A bear rescue center where magnificent resident bears roam in a naturalized setting. Viewing is from above in a covered area – take photos and memories to last a lifetime. ♿ ■ \$
- 14 Sitka National Cemetery** – Laid out in the late 19th century by Gen. Jefferson C. Davis. Notable burials include “The World’s Fastest Human” – Olympic multi-gold medalist, Charles Paddock and Medal of Honor recipient, Archie Van Winkle.
- 15 Russian Cemetery** – Over 200 years old with many headstones crafted from the ballasts of Russian Ships; a fascinating reminder of Sitka’s Russian past.
- 16 Princess Maksoutoff’s Grave** – Princess Maksoutoff was the wife of the last Russian governor, Dimitri Maksoutoff.
- 17 Russian Blockhouse** – Replica of a guard tower that was once part of the massive fort wall surrounding this former Russian American capital.
- 18 Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall** – Built in 1914, the ANB hall serves as an Alaska Native community center and home to Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood chapters, organizations est. in 1912 to address Alaska Native rights. *NHLS* ♿
- 19 Sheet’ka Kwaán Naa Kahidi Clan House** – Built in the style of a Tlingit clan house – it has the largest hand-carved house screen in the Pacific Northwest. The Naa Kahídi Native Dancers perform onsite during the summer. ♿
- 20 Totem Square** – A grassy Alaska state park area in downtown Sitka containing a totem pole that displays the double-headed eagle of Sitka’s Russian heritage. ♿
- 21 Pioneer Home** – This state home for elderly Alaskans was built in 1934. A massive pioneer statue, made of bronze by Alonzo Victor, graces the building front. Visitors are welcome. *NRHP* ♿ ■